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THE OLD HOMESTEAD.

BY LYDIA WOOD BALWIN.

I.

Y WINDOW'S high between the eaves, Its sash is set with tiny panes—
So quaintly flecked with summer rains!
Some, cracked across and "puttied in;"
One, mended by a strip of tin;

And, all day long, the rustling leaves
Dart shadows on its rustling face,
As cherry branches interlace.

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The house is lonely, old and brown,
Long, sloping roof, with chimneys vast,
(They made such in old times, "to last.")
Green woodbine creeps up over it,
And on its apex pigeons sit.

No "gambrel" hath my roof, nor crown, Where, in the softening evening light, I rest and bid the world good-night. III.

Inside you'd stare, and deem it "poor,"
You fresh from modern luxuries;
But always, in my home-bred eyes,
The room seems royal—with a grace
Unwon from velvet, damask, lace.

Quaint latches fasten every door— Unpaneled doors, which softly swing To let the needy stranger in,

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I would not change it all for gold,
Or part with one rush-seated chair,
Nor ancient linen, woven fair
And checkered with blue, long years ago;
Nor starry patchwork quilts a-row.
Perchance you think my praise too bold?

Ah! my rag carpets—striped gay,
Were made by hands now passed away.

v.

The house runs o'er with relics small!

And oft it seemeth that the night
Restores lost faces to my sight.

My loneliness then disappears,
The sting is gone from saddening years,
A buoyant radiance rifts Dearh's pall,
And freshly dear groweth each stone
Which lowly lifts my mountain home.

Good Housekeeping.

For The Maryland Farmer.

OUR NEW FARM, XXII.

SOMETHING ABOUT CURRANTS.

HOSE WHO have followed this history of life on Our New Farm, will remember that we made a small plantation of currants. We have always had quite a leaning toward this fruit and have considered it a valuable source of income.

One afternoon Mr. Burns came over to see me, and I then learned for the first time that he had also made a plantation of currants, to the amount of half an acre.

He said to me:

"My currants are not doing very well, Mr. Green, and I have come over to see if I can get you to tell me how you have managed to succeed so well?"

And I answered him;

"Why, Mr. Burns, I did not know you were growing currants."

You see, I had not been over there to look over his place, although I had called several times at his house.

Then he said:

"Oh, yes. I saw you and James Camden were doing so well with them, I thought I might do well, too."

I asked him:

"Well, what is the matter with them? Don't they flourish with you?"

He said:

"I can't say they are a success, and I don't know why. Instead of continuing green and flourishing, they seem to be

pale and to stop growing for one thing. Then they seem to be stripped of their leaves by the currant worm in spite of all I can do."

Then I said:

"I guess you have not made the ground rich enough."

He answered:

"Oh, I think I have. I put plenty of the best I had from the horse stable and turned it in and harrowed it well before setting them out."

And I said:

"There must be something wrong about it, or they would flourish. I remember telling James Camden not to start with putting strong manure on his for I thought his garden was rich enough."

Then Mr. Burns asked:

"But you put some on yours, didn't you?"

And I answered:

"Yes, of course; for my land was poor. I put all I could get from my cow stable on mine, after mixing it pretty thoroughly with earth, and having Charley shovel it over two or three times."

Then he said:

"I see now my mistake. The manure from the horse stable was too hot—it has dried them or burned them and there is the trouble. I think I can manage that."

With that he began to move off; but suddenly he said:

"But that does not explain why the

leaves are all eaten off from my bushes, while yours are not suffering in that way at all."

So I answered:

"Come out and see my bushes and perhaps you will be able to understand about that."

We walked over to the currant plantation talking on the way in a sociable pleasant manner on the general subject.

As soon as we reached the bushes he said:

"I understand. In every bush you have a bunch of tobacco stems, with some scattered between the rows also. That is your preventive, is it?"

And I said:

"Yes, that does the work for me very well indeed. Then I have some rows of gooseberry bushes also, which are generally touched a little in spite of the tobacco stems, although they soon become disgusted and leave them. It seems to be a fact that tobacco is the best remedy for insect pests that can be found. It is supremely loathsome to all."

I made this remark without thinking at the time that Mr. Burns was somewhat fond of the quid and the pipe. He went away confident that he could now make a success of his currant patch.

It was not long after this that James Camden came over to see me about enlarging his plantation, and said:

"Mr. Green, father says I have made such a fine thing of my currants that he will give me half an acre on this end of nis home lot if I choose to set it out."

Then I asked him:

"Well, James, how well have you

done this summer with your currants?"

He said:

"You know, Nr. Green, I have about one tenth of an acre in my patch, and my sales have given me \$64.39c in good solid cash."

Then I said to him:

"Are you sure of that, James? That would be at the rate of \$643.90c to the acre. That is considerably more than I have done with mine."

He answered me:

"Father and I went over the accounts two or three times and that is what it amounts to; and I have over \$40 of the money now, after paying all expenses of boxes, freight, commissions, and two or three other items which I thought I needed to work with."

I then told him:

"That certainly looks encouraging. But, James, you must not expect to do as well on a half acre in proportion as you have on the tenth of an acre. And you must not expect to do as well on that piece of ground as in the garden plat."

He answered:

"Oh, I don't expect to do as well as that; but I wanted to see if you would advise me about what kinds of currants I had better set out; for father says, you know best about this crop."

I replied:

"I believe, James, the most of your bushes are cherry currants, and I advise that you continue in that line. You had better begin to prepare your land now, and use the cherry one year old plants from the trimmings you set out last fall. Plant these out this fall as soon as the leaves begin to drop, and you will be all right."

Then he said:

"Father told me you were putting out Fay currants and I was wondering whether I had not better change."

I told him:

"Oh, no, don't change. We are sure that the Cherry currant is all right. I am only experimenting with the Fay. I have a large quantity of the old Red Dutch, and I am replacing a few of them with the Fay; but I am using mostly the Cherry and shall continue to do so."

Then he said:

" How shall I prepare the ground?" I answered:

"Plow deep, turning the top soil, and stirring up the subsoil. Use as fertilizer what ashes you can get, a portion of ground bone, and compost from the cows and the hogs. Don't use anything heating Don't spare any work with the harrow—the more you harrow it the better. Then plant five feet apart each way. Don't forget the rows of gooseberries either, for they have their value in the currant patch."

He went away much pleased apparently with what I had said to him and it was not very long before I saw him at work on his half acre.

James has posted himself pretty thoroughly on the subject of currants, and we have frequent talks on them. We have both come to the conclusion that they need considerable severe pruning to do their best. It brings larger bunches and more fruit by weight or measure. We keep setting out the cuttings and we are getting quite a nursery started. For my part I have sold a good many plants already at \$4.00 a hundred.

It was not long after this that I

thought I would go over to Mr. Burns and see how he was getting along with his currants. I found him away from home, but Mrs. Burns put her bonnet on and we went out into the patch. It was a warm day in the third week in May and the sun beat upon us with considerable force. Mr. Burns had obtained his tobacco and placed them in the bushes; but it was altogether too late. It did not interfere with the work of the worms.

Said Mrs. Burns:

"You see, Mr. Green, your remedy is no good on our land and my husband says, he don't think much of currants."

Then I said to her:

"Mrs. Burns, the tobacco stems do not prevent the worms from working; but if placed there early in the season they keep the millers from laying their eggs on the bushes. They should be there as soon as the buds begin to open and the butterfly will not land; but will seek some more inviting location."

Then she said:

"Oh, we have not thought of that. We won't have much of a crop this year, and my husband thought of plowing up the whole patch and putting in sweet corn."

I said to her;

"Oh, no, Mrs. Burns, I wouldn't destroy the currants. Take my advice; plow between the rows and plant the smallest kind of sweet corn, if you wish. Then next fall prepare that piece of ground beyond, now in potatoes. Let your husband enrich it with ashes and the fertilizer from the pig pen put on before he plows it. Then in the latter part of September strip what few leaves

may be left on the currant bushes and set them out there. You will get a few currants next spring. They will make a good growth during the summer and fall and the next year you'll begin to do something."

She asked:

"But why not let them stand where they are and save all that trouble of moving."

I answered, with a laugh:

"Well your husband was altogether too generous when he commenced here. He did not commence right, and he gave them much more than they could eat with comfort. In fact more than will do them good if they stay here for years. If he will try it over again he won't fail."

I saw that the soil was of a light nature and he had fairly filled the ground with almost fresh horse manure the previous year, and had then given them another dose this spring. I wondered that they had lived at all through it.

That evening was a pleasant moonlight evening and we were enjoying it on our porch as only one can enjoy it in the country, when we saw Mr. Burns coming down the road and he came up to the house.

We greeted him cordially and invited him to be seated and make himself at home.

After a little conversation on other subjects, he came to the object of his evening visit.

"I have come over principally, Mr. Green, to continue the conversation you had with my wife and learn all I can about currents."

And I said:

"You know, Mr. Burns, I am new about all farm matters, and I only say what I think is right or what my own experience has taught me."

Then he replied, looking away off towards the other side of the road:

"I must give up about currants. I thought last year I would just put out that currant patch, and would astonish you with the way I would make them beat yours and James Camdem's. That's why I filled the ground so full of stable manure."

So I answered:

"Well, you didn't beat us much, did you!"

He said, with a little hard kind of a laugh:

"No, I don't think I did."

Then I repeated to him the substance of my conversation with his wife, assuring him of my belief that if the season was not too dry, his currants, now three or four years old, would come into yielding from the transplanting this fall, the second year. And that he could use the ground between the rows, if he chose, for turnips, or beets, or carrots, or even for sweet potatoes.

When he left I was vain enough to think he would not laugh quite as much about my city book farming as he did before, although I acknowledge I kept many a failure to myself during those first five or six years of my experience on our new farm.

But they have all been blessed days. Even my mistakes and failures were full of anticipated pleasure in the outset, and being gifted with a reasonable amount of "grit," I stuck to each attempt till I conquered—even as when I plowed that

piece of land four times without a crop, as stated in a previous chapter.

The summer passed. It proved a favorable one for Mr. Burns and his currants, and in the fall they were duly transplanted, he having invited me over three or four times during the fertilizing process and the transplanting.

He has a good plantation of currants now, after three years, and is talking of enlarging it.

Currants have never been very plentiful in this part of the country—the taste for them has not been cultivated. They are still a luxury from which to make jelly or wine, currant pies or sauce. Eaten, however, from the stem, they are the very best of fruits, when fully ripe, and never pall upon the palate.

To be continued.

For The Maryland Farmer.

HEALTH EDUCATION.

BY DR. CRACE-CALVERT.

O NE of the most important lessons to be learned by the people is this:

That it is not necessary always to take medicine when you are sick.

It is almost impossible for a physician to visit his patient without administering some kind of medicine. It may be of a harmless character; but something must be given.

The patient may require only a little dieting, or a bath, or a little hand rubbing, or a little additional rest or sleep, and no medicine whatever; but the physician is forced to give some dosing in addition to the above because the people

are not yet educated sufficiently as to health to realize that it is promoted by other things besides what is put into the mouth.

It is a fact that much less medicine is given now by physicians than formerly for people are gaining somewhat in common sense ideas on the subject.

I went to one patient a short time since and the moment I went into the room I saw the young woman would be all right with a little care and change of condition, so I said;

"She don't need any medicine—take off some of the bed clothes, let the windows down a few inches at the top, and bathe her head in cold water. Give her toast and tea, if she wishes to eat."

The mother, who received the directions was a sensible woman and did as I directed and the patient was out all right in a day or two, and I have been thanked for my directions more than once by this party.

In a similar case, I gave some directions and left without administering medicine, and I thought the one in charge was intelligent enough to understand such treatment; but I afterward learned that before the day passed they had called in another physician.

This physician afterward took me to task and said, with a laugh, he had given some bread pills and the patient was doing well.

It is hard to overcome this prejudice. I think, however, that the homeopathists have done considerable in the way of educating the people in regard to taking large doses of medicine. We have all been enabled to give less medicine and less frequently than in years gone by,

because of their specialty of small doses

Health education in this respect should
be taught in our public schools, so that
the coming generation should understand
that drugs are only sometimes necessary
—that they have a prominent place of
course; but pure air, proper food, proper
clothing, bathing, rubbing, exercise, diet,
good drinking water, have quite as great
a mission for the health as do drugs.

The day is as yet far distant when physicians can act in all cases about advice and medicines as their best judgment would prompt them to act. Now they are forced to prescribe something even when not needed because of the ignorant prejudices of the people.

The folly is in supposing that the stomach must be dosed for every malady from a broken head to a cut finger. The remedy is in health-education, beginning with the children of the present generation.

I do not anticipate that golden age when there will be no physical ills and no call for the physician. As the world becomes civilized the list of ailments increases and the physician will be in demand for hundreds of years after you, my dear reader, and I are numbered with the forgotten myriads that labor, and fret, and groan, and sweat over the worries of to-day.

SHEEP AND DOGS.

The Roanoke Times, Va., calls our attention to the proposed Sheep Ranch of 6000 acres in the Shenandoah Valley. It closes with these words of lament:

At the same time farmers will have to encounter the dangers arising from the absence of a dog law. Worthless curs whose hides are not worth the stripping will range at large.

Farmers of Southwest Virginia, there are two issues for the fall campaign which are vastly more important to you than all the political platforms of a score of years: One is a stringent dog law, the other is a law putting convicts at work on county roads instead of competing with honest labor in making shoes in the State prison."

THE USE OF SLANG.

HE USE OF SLANG is so common, that having become thoroughly accustomed to it we do not realize how much injury it is doing.

There is only a faint line separating many of the slang phrases in vogue from absolute vulgarity, and indifference to modesty and dignity in our speech invariably leads to indifference to modesty and dignity in our conduct.

Yet society—the best of it—delights in all the new slang phrases, and a prominent society woman told me a few days ago that the "choicest bits" of new slang are "to run over"—meaning a trip to Europe—and a "girl and her fellow"—meaning a couple supposed to be especially agreeable to each other.

I can think of a limited number only who do not use slang, and they are people who in slang are called "giblets"—no good—because they are dignified and quiet, and do not seem constituted to make the most of life.

There is nothing marks the lady or

gentleman so certainly as language.

Poverty may destroy physical loveliness, but mental beauty survives it.

Slang would not be in use were parents careful in teaching children to use only correct and polite language.

A writer says on this subject:

"Should we not check our little ones when they make use of slang expressions instead of smiling upon them as if it was clever? We should teach them that such conversation is demoralizing; that it will actually do them harm; then, as they advance in years, they may dislike and despise it.

Mothers are there not some among you who advise your daughters, as they depart from your side to attend some social gathering, to "make a mash" or who upon their return, inquire, "Did you make a mash?" What can a mother be thinking of when she makes such an inquiry? I beg of such a one (for there are those who do this) to pause, to consider what she encourages. You can not reasonably expect your daughter to become a pure-minded woman if you fail to be an example of such.

The common slang is erroneously thought witty. True wit may be appreciated among sensible people, but slang—never! I would challenge anyone to discover anything ennobling, anything womanly, anything even witty about the use of what is now-a-days termed genteel slang; for there are those who despise the course expressions which so often fall from the lips of the street loafer, who appear to glory in such expressions as "going for him," "getting left," etc.

Where shall we find as noble types of womanhood in the future as our past

records furnish us, if our girls do not rid themselves of this pernicious habit?

To work a reformation we must begin with the mothers. Through them we may reach the daughters, hoping for the sons to follow. Let us marshal ourselves in one grand army, mothers and daughters leading the van; sons and brothers will not be willing to be found very far in the rear.

CHEAP PAINT-FIRE PROOF.

Take thoroughly skimmed milk and add an equal amount of brine. Stir into it any mineral color, cost from two to five cents a pound. This is good fire and water proof paint.

TO THE PEOPLE OF MARYLAND.

Office of Maryland State Immigration Society.

HE public prints have given wide circulation to the fact that in accordance with the suggestion of the Governor of the State, a large number of its citizens from the several counties and the City of Baltimore met on the 18th day of February last, to consider the question of Immigration as a means of advancing the material interests, and increasing the productive powers of the State.

It needs no argument to show that the agricultural interests, and for the purpose of this circular, I couple with it the matter of mines and mining, are the great source of all individual, state and national prosperity and wealth.

The products of the earth in the various forms of cereals, hay, timber, fruits, minerals and fisheries, constitute and furnish the elements, which passing through a thousand forms and changes in the hands of a cultivated and intelligent workmanship, enter into and make up the great aggregate of trade and commerce, between man and man, as also between nations, in all matters of exchange, of trade and business.

Our own State possesses these great natural resources, in a very large degree; to such an extent indeed, that, as yet, a mere beginning of their full development has scarcely been made.

To effect this development, work and labor, directed by intelligence are indispensable, before we can expect the transmutation of the crude material into the various forms in which they enter into and contribute to the necessities, the wants, the luxuries and the happiness of the human race. And we find it to be a fact, that the more cultivated and refined human society becomes, the more numerous are its wants and the greater the demand for the products of skill and labor.

The purpose and object of our Immigration movement is to induce the coming into the State of this needed capital and labor.

The population of the State by the last census, is 1,042,390; of this total, the city of Baltimore has 434,151—the balance of the State, 608,239: the city of Baltimore containing one-half of the entire population of the State, less 174, 088.

The city population can hardly be claimed as original producers. Engaged

in commerce and trade and the various professions, a city population, for the most part, finds employment and occupation in the change and transmutation of things from one form into another.

The need and want of the day is for men, men of activity, energy and enterprise, of brawn an muscle, of mental and physical power. We want not mendicants and idlers, paupers and socialists. We want men to build up, not to tear down and destroy. We want men of good character and good habits, who will become good citizens; such men as make a State great, prosperous and powerful.

It was for such purposes this Immigrant Society was intended and founded. To do it requires time, labor, patience, and an expenditure of some money. If successful, we believe the result will more than compensate for all the labor, all the time, all the expenditure.

With a view to preparing, publishing, and circulating printed material, giving full information as to the resources. capabilities and advantages of our State, and otherwise advertising her great and manifold claims to the attention of intending immigrants of good character and habits, and especially to those possessing moderate capital, which would enable them to take up parcels of land, of which so much original good quality and susceptible of the easiest and quickest improvement is to be had here at the most moderate prices, some funds are required; and any of the citizens of the State who are willing to aid in this important and patriotic effort to attract deserving and desirable additions to the population of our State are asked to send contributions to any of the gentlemen

named below, who, by the direction of the meeting of February 18th, have been requested to act as its Finance Committee.

Enoch Pratt, Esq., Baltimore;
Edwin F. Abell, Esq., "
Gen. Felix Agnus, "
Col. Fred'k. Raine, "
Col. J. Thos. Scharf, "
Alex. Y. Dolfield, Esq., "
Wm. H. Jackson, Esq., Salisbury;
Dr. R. C. Mackall, Elkton;
Hon. Richard H. Edelin, Port Tobacco.
Hon. Lloyd Lowndes, Cumberland.

A vice president has been selected for each county, and each legislative district of the city of Baltimore, with a view to the formation of subsidiary societies; and the moral and substantial support of our citizens is invited to this effort to awaken public interest in, and give effective direction and force to, the movement to attract to our State a good class of immigrants.

JAMES U. DENNIS,
PRESIDENT.

UNEXPECTED GUESTS.

HE COUNTRY housekeeper is frequently called upon to entertain unexpected guests, and while I do not approve of making any great changes in the family meal at such times, yet I think we are all, even the best of housekeepers, tempted to make some additions to the regular meal when these surprise visits occur.

I know no better preparation for these emergencies than to keep on hand a good supply of cauned things. Most house-

keepers have a supply of canned fruits, tomatoes, and pickles of home manufacture, but in addition to these always keep a few cans of corn, salmon, corn-beef, plum-pudding, etc., and you will not tremble when you receive unexpected guests at near the dinner hour.

Canned corn needs only to be heated, seasoned with cream, butter, salt and pepper, with a spoonful of sugar, if you like; or you can make a pudding of it by adding two eggs, two cups of milk, four tablespoonfuls of sugar, and baking it about half an hour.

Salmon makes a good salad, or you can make a nice hot dish of it by putting it in a pudding dish with alternate layers of bread or eracker crumbs; season with salt and pepper, and strew bits of butter over each layer, and add water enough to moisten the crumbs; then bake until brown on the top. Salmon is also very nice eaten with vinegar or slices of lemon.

Corned beef makes a nice hash for breakfast, or it may be chopped fine, put into a greased pudding-dish and moistened well with gravy or drawn butter into which has been stirred a teaspoonful of Worcestershire sauce or tomato catsup. Spread over the top of this a thick layer of cold, mashed potatoes, which has been softened by the addition of a half cup of milk, a beaten egg, and a spoonful of butter. Cover the dish and bake fifteen minutes, then remove the cover and brown it.

Plum pudding only needs to be heated according to the directions on the can to be ready for use, and is delicious.

There are many farmers' wives all over the land who are obliged to do their

own work, and time with them is precious. If these unexpected visits of neighbors and friends did not bring added toil and care, they would be more truly welcome, and any plan that will bring about the result cannot fail to bring an added brightness and comfort into the home.

PERSONAL.

Will the person who advertised for J. Downie or Downing of Crow Agency, Montana write for information to,

John R. Whitefield, Nye, Park Co., Montana.

PLANNING HOUSES

REVER plan a house without consulting your wife and daughter, if you are fortunate enough to have them.

The best architect in the country, if a man, cannot equal the good sense of an experienced woman in the arrangement of rooms, and the provisions to lessen labor and travel.

For all home purposes a woman should be her own architect.

Even in the erection of public buildings, a female architect is fully equal to a male.

We believe a female school of Architecture to be a great step in the progress of the race, and hope the day is not far distant when such schools will be established in all our large cities.

FOOD EXPERIMENTS-HENS.

The N. Y. Ex. Sta., Geneva, gives the following results as to feeding nitrogenous or carbonaceous foods:

Carbonaceous ration: Corn, oats and corn meal, etc.

Nitrogenous ration: Linseed meal, bran, etc.

The product of eggs, from hens with corn meal ration was over 28 per cent more in number and over 24 per cent greater in weight—large breeds.

Small breeds—product from hens with corn meal ration was over 57 per cent more in number and about 49 per cent greater in weight.

Those fed nitrogenous ration, were better in health, feathers more glossy and abundant, general appearance better.

Those fed the corn meal ration took up feather pulling and egg eating, and had ragged appearance and dull plumage.

Those fed the nitrogenous ration became the fatter when fed to excess.

The MARYLAND FARMER draws from these facts the following conclusions:

That it is best not to confine your hens and feed any one kind of food.

If you can let them run do so; if not, feed as large a variety as possible including both corn meal and bran, green food and meat scraps, etc., etc.

POISONING FRUIT.

There is much discussion in our exchanges at this time about spraying fruit trees. It is an entirely unsettled question how much the bugs will bear, how much the foliage will bear, to kill the first and to not kill the second. But

the question of how much the man who is to eat the fruit will bear, so as to maintain the power to be a buyer of fruit next year, seems to be entirely ignored. It is folly to suppose that the hundreds of thousands of pounds of arsenic, of arseniate of copper, and all the other deadly poisons in use, and daily being prepared for use in orchards and gardens will not in time find its way to the stomach of the man. That point is little thought of, and is not provided for.—

Germantown Telegraph.

HOW TO RUN A SMALL FARM.

If the farm is at all tillable, I should divide the sixteen acres into four sections of four acres each; but it is not necessary to fence it, except the four acres where the house and barn stand.

This plat I should divide up in the following way: Two acres for house, small lawn, kitchen, garden, barn-yard, etc. This is rather large, I think, and less would do if the house and barn are in the right position; but call it two acres.

Then one acre for fruit—blackberries, raspberries, currants, and strawberries.

One acre for poultry; this acre should be set to pear, quince and peach trees, and plum can be added if thought best; this affords good shade for the fowls; I find that the trees do much better where the poultry run than those where they do not. On this acre I would have four poultry houses, with yards for runs of one fourth acre each, and should keep twenty five in each yard—one yard of either buff, white, or partridge Cochins for sitters; one yard of Plymouth Rocks

or Wyandottes; and two of Leghorns—the Cochins for sitters, the Plymouth Rocks for early broilers, and the Leghorns for eggs.

The remaining twelve acres I should use as follows:

Four acres for clover, four acres for soiling crops and the remaining four acres for corn and potatoes. On so small a place wheat and oats do not pay. The twelve acres should be rotated with clover, roots, millet, fodder corn, and anything that will do for feed.

On the place four cows (and they must be good ones, not necessarily of long pedigrees, but for individual merit) can be kept for the first two or three years; after that more can be added.

The manure from the four cows, one horse and one hundred hens will go far toward enriching the land. Apply the hen manure, well saved, to the hill, as the best results are obtained in this way; utilize every corner with something that will either sell, make fodder for the cows or food for the hens, and my word for it the young man with the sixteen acres will have profitable business enough at home; with "his little farm well filled and his little wife well willed," he will be as contented as those who roam their hundred acres over.

One other thing I will mention, and that is this:

Put in a patch of early potatoes. I found that nearly every season half an acre or more of early potatoes are as profitable as any patch of ground on the place. Study the wants of your nearest village and town, and supply the people with the choicest and earliest of fruits and vegetables.—Ohio Farmer.

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REMOVAL.

The Principal office of the MARYLAND FARMER will hereafter be at 887 North Howard St., opposite the 5th Regiment Armory, Baltimore, Md., where we shall be happy to see our friends who may have occasion to visit the city.

For the convenience of those whose business is mostly in the lower section of the city, we have made arrangements to have a branch office at the old stand, with E. Whitman, Sons & Co., 27 East Pratt Street, who will receive subscriptions and orders in our behalf.

TOOLS.

E MUST have them. Good tools. The best tools. It is ** folly to try to do without them. We read of the combination of manufacturers of tools with a capital of millions of dollars, and we are told by this combination tools will be made cheaper to the farmers.

Who believes it? Do you?

In just so far as competition is done away, prices will advance. That is a self-evident fact. The spur of competition brings out the determination to make tools at the least possible expense and to dispose of them at as small a profit as possible. Take away competition and the cost of manufacture, if no greater, certainly has not the same motive for economy, and the profit can be indefinitely increased.

Oh, ye farmers! are you to be so easily imposed upon by every plausible assertion of those who having millions propose to combine to wring from you other millions? What a pity, if it be so! Everywhere throughout our country—not a single State is an exception—an earnest determination should be shown to make these combinations unlawful. Let the laws be plain, effective and thoroughly practical. The offence should be a criminal one and the State Prison should be the penalty. Money should be no shield, but only an aggravation of the offence, and add to the severity of the penalty: Forfiture of the plants, imprisonment of the conspirators.

Schools.

REQUENTLY we are told that our Schools are about perfect and it is folly to comment on them as if not all we could desire.

Many good traits belong to our School system and it is very far in advance of that of many countries which might be mentioned.

But it is quite evident that our Schools are not adapted to the wants of practical life. They were modeled after the old ideas which made the middle and laboring class hewers of wood and drawers of water in no need of education, and the lords and ladies alone worthy of culture; and then only such culture as might never by any chance be practically useful in the general occupation of the masses.

Our system has not outgrown this as yet. Our common schools are striving in some measure to modify the miserable antiquated notions of ty years, have been wholly tending what an education should be; but our colleges are still in the very depths of the old system transported from Europe and throttling the life out of our land of progress and enterprize.

It is such a collegiate system that renders many of our Agricultural colleges a mere burlesque upon what they should become as popular institutions for the farmers' interests. Institutions which have as their chief object to wean the farmers' sons from

We hope the time will soon come when this great mistake will be rec-

We also advocate throughout our State the introduction into our Schools agriculture as a part at least of the studies—and in every case a practical application of some of its lessons.

POVERTY AND RICHES.

THESE two classes are rapidly becoming the clearly defined classes of our country. In other, older lands these classes have already become clearly defined.

We have usually attributed this to the peculiar institutions and laws of countries upholding hereditary nobility, and have denied the possibility of such a result in our republic.

The laws, however, which have been developed during the last twenin this direction, until now they have the very plainest purpose to this end.

Favored classes are destined to enormous wealth, and for every millionaire a host of poor miserable toilers must drag out their weary existence.

The middle class is yearly growing less and less in point of numbers and influence—here and there one joining the wealthy and hosts of them being thrust down to the dregs of poverty.

Unless a change comes soon, every all sympathy with agricultural pur- laborer will be numbered in the ranks suits are now the order of the day. of poverty and the farming class will be virtually the serfs of those who are the holders of the wealth of the land.

It is time—fully time, that the farmers should take an active part in shaping the laws of our country if they expect to retain any character for self-respect and to occupy in the future any respectable position in the land.

Poverty and Riches—These are the factors now in hot conflict. Wealth has the State and the Church fully in its control—the poor can only escape degrading poverty by clinging to the possession of the land and as farmers asserting, demanding and seizing, if necessary, their rights.

IMMIGRATION.

TTENTION is called to the article in another column on the subject of immigration. The names attached to it are certainly of enough standing to satisfy the most exacting of the truth of every statement. We would be glad if responses would come, in sufficient number, to authorize this committee to place some reliable person in the field to gather in our State statistics of "abandoned farms," or a general record of farms for sale, with which to invite those who are seeking a pleasant and prosperous home in a pleasant and prosperous region.

Southern Maryland is destined in the future not only to be the garden of our State; but the most delightful garden spot in our whole country.

MANY ACRES AND FEW.

T is not necessary to plant every acre which you have heretofore had under the plow.

The true practice should be to plant only that amount which you are able thoroughly to enrich and thoroughly to work.

Is it not plain that if you cultivate a hundred acres and on the whole of it make no profit, you might much better have left it untouched?

Seed down every acre you cannot properly enrich and properly take care of. Or, put into orchard or into some crop which will not require constant renewal—even into forest trees if necessary. What you work must be made to pay, and should be made to pay as largely as possible. Better get \$100 profit from one acre than \$20 from each of five acres.

WHO RULE NOW.

IRTUALLY our government is now in the hands of two classes.
The lawyers and the capitalists.
Those who administer and interpret the laws, and those who control the money of the nation.

Judged by the ordinary laws of human nature it is to be considered probable that these classes will rule for their own benefit first, and then allow a few crumbs for others.

The past has exemplified the truth of this and the great mass of the people are finding out this fact. The enormous mistakes made by the present rulers in our land, by which they are building up millionaires among themselves and grinding the others into the mire, is bearing its natural fruit.

The people are beginning to say: Give the farmers, the mechanics, and the laborers their opportunity to rule and then watch the result. See whether they will make any more serious mistakes than are made now. See whether they will not better protect the vast majority of our people from the rapacity of the few, and bring a more general state of happiness and contentment.

The experiment would not be hard. The revolution by the ballot box would be quiet, effectual, complete. No violence. Step out millionaires, step in sturdy workers. Thus would the government become a government of the people once more—and we should all rejoice.

IN THE GARDEN.

THE HOME table should be supplied with all the vegetable luxuries of the season from the Kitchen Garden. This is too often neglected on the farm. Even in our city homes many of the garden luxuries are enjoyed, while the farmer's table is destitute of them.

It is not enough for us to say that "in the City money will procure anything;" because all these things are so easily produced that it is really a shame that they are wanting.

The berries, which make so large

and beautiful an addition to our meals during their season, are almost as easily grown as weeds; and peas, beans, turnips, beets and onions need comparatively little real labor to come to us perfect.

It is certainly beyond our comprehension why these things are neglected. The needs of the family are so nearly supplied by a good garden that a great part of the expense of the home living is saved.

For successive crops of peas and sweet corn let the rows be prepared and seed planted at stated intervals from the very earliest to the latest, even up into the month of July.

Our demands for much of the food we deem essential are artificial, brought upon us by habit; but large variety induces health and comfort. The farm, however, with very few exceptions, is able to supply all that is actually needed, in great abundance. The garden is the chief source of the vegetable and fruit supply; and saying this, little is left for the dependence elsewhere.

RAILROAD FARES 1c.

One cent a mile on Railroads for passenger fares is enough. The Railroads run no risk. Beside loading and unloading themselves, the passengers pay in advance. Cash in hand. No delay. No extra delivery. No vast freight houses. No constant worry, and fault finding, and claims for delay and broken or damaged

goods. The passenger pays for his stead of being on an equal footing fare, steps into the car and out again, with all other classes, he has been and the railroad has no further reforced to bear the greater part of the sponsibility. One cent a mile is burdens of the State without partakenough.

EDITORIAL.

A Farmer Governor.

HE MARYLAND FARMER, as is well known by our readisers is not a party political paper. Neither the Democratic nor the Republican party as such, has any grounds for claiming its support. If it says anything on political subjects it is not in behalf of party; but only in its honest support of the interests and welfare of the farmers. It is the advocate of the farmers' interests always, without any regard for political parties as such.

But the Maryland Farmer, believes that all farmers should see that proper candidates are nominated by the dominant parties, such as will look to their interests in every State as well as in the general government. In this State of Maryland the Democratic Party is the dominant one, and it is of the utmost importance that every farmer—not as a party man, but as a farmer—should use all his influence to have a candidate nominated who will be in full sympathy with them.

It is a well recognized fact that in the past, legislation has borne very heavily upon the farmer, so that, in-

stead of being on an equal footing with all other classes, he has been forced to bear the greater part of the burdens of the State without partaking of those advantages which would insure his prosperity. To remedy this is his duty as well as his privilege, and it can be done by a careful selection of those candidates of the ruling parties who are heartily in sympathy with his needs.

For these reasons the Maryland Farmer has decided to use what persuasion it can command to have the farmers in all parts of the State work now to secure a candidate of the Democratic Party who will be heartily in their interests so far as all just laws and all just reforms are sought by them. To earnestly oppose always the candidate who would ruin their prospects and to advocate strongly the right man.

HON. FRANK BROWN, FOR GOVERNOR.

Why should the farmers of Maryland work to have the Hon. Frank Brown, the Democratic party candidate for Governor of Maryland?

The farmers need the right kind of a man, and the right man in every respect, as governor. They should be careful to make no mistake. If, as all the past indicates, such a man is nominated by the Democratic party, he will be elected. Very much, therefore, depends upon this nomination so far as the farmers are concerned.

Why should it be the Hon. Frank Brown?

ted with him. He is a man of medium stature—a sturdily built, healthy frame—bearing the marks of the sun and wind on his countenance—one of greatly needed. Mr. Brown has the people in every respect—in appearance, just such a man as every farmer feels to be his friend. He dresses in harmony with this-no display of fine clothes, as if they made the man, but in ordinary business or farm suits. Thus introduced, every one of you will find him ready to meet you with a warm grasp of the the farmers' interests? hand and a pleasant word, which will place you thoroughly at home in his presence.

This last is one of his best characteristics. His manner and words are cordial, appreciative, and he gives everyone that cheerful attention and hearty welcome which shows his in- sonally conversant with every detail terest in whatever you have to offer, that commends itself to his judgment. preciable effect to divert him from the will appreciate his farm surroundings. consideration of the one who needs that consideration.

let us now turn to other matters of ers. He believes that the prosperity moment.

himself reliable in cases where great farmer above everything, and he will

Let us introduce him to all those needs such a man at its head. The who have not hitherto been acquain- past gives ample proof that a man of executive ability, clear apprehension of results, foresight, prudence, and perfect familiarity with details, is shown these in a remarkable degree, and will carry them with him in the administration of State affairs.

FARMERS' INTERESTS.

The principal question, however, which will come into every mind will be. Is Mr. Brown in full accord with

It is well known that he has been given the distinctive title of "Farmer Brown." His home is one of the most pleasant farms in the State. He has there surrounded himself with all that can make the farmer's life most successful and happy; and he is perof farm work and management, and nothing adds to his good cheer more Wealth, office, position, have no ap-than a welcome of a kindred spirit who

He has weighed long and well, and thoroughly studied the causes of de-With this introduction of the man pression and trouble among the farmof the State and country depends upon Mr. Brown has already served in the prosperity of the farmers, and he various positions of great responsi- is prepared to recommend and use bility and has never been found his best influence to secure such wanting. This may at first appear of measures as will promote this greatly little account; but in reality it should desired object. He publicly anhave a great weight. Farmers want nounces that his greatest interests in someone who has already proved life belong to the farm—he is the interests are involved. The State carry his farm with him as a part of himself in all that he does of a public character.

It is just such a man as this the farmers of Maryland need as their champion in all State affairs, and if we could have more of them in Congress the country would be vastly more posperous.

NOT NARROW.

But Farmer Brown is not narrow and contracted in his ideas, and does not confine himself to one little field of experiment or reform. His opinions and principles take hold of all the issues, and he gets the best out of them all. He sees clearly where often others, called great men, only see dimly. He may be relied upon to act for the good of all, understandingly, because of this clear vision. and to leave nothing undone, which can be done for the general good.

PROGRESSIVE.

He believes in earnest work, also, for the future progress of Maryland. That while the labors of to-day should be for its immediate advantage. they should have a far reaching influence upon its coming prosperity. The State is yet to take its place as among the most eminent in all those elements which make a State great: and he believes it to be our mission now to prepare the way. It is on this account he grasps every opportunity to make the advantages of Maryland known to the world. On ground he plans the proper represen- confidence and support from us?

tation of Maryland in the Columbian Exposition of '93.

His spirit of progress, too, enters into all the best features of minor interest among the people—the reform movements in the matter of education, criminal reform, the care of the poor, the sick, the infirm and the aged, restraints against the active agencies of vice and all that would better the condition of the people at large.

He realizes, also, that this progress of the State involves the activity of every interest within its borders and gives to each an appreciative influence in his counsels. The commercial importance of Maryland is not forgotten; and its great internal interests, where labor is involved, are present with him. He carries in his heart the good of the entire people, and will act honestly and fearlessly wherever this shall lead him.

The MARYLAND FARMER would have the farmers of Maryland therefore use their best endeavors to have the Democratic Party put "Farmer Brown" in nomination. We do not urge this as a democrat, or, as belonging to any party. The MARY-LAND FARMER is wholly outside of all parties; but we cannot fail to see that the greatest good of the Farmers will be secured, if they can place him in nomination by that party. If so placed, his election is reasonably certain, when the farmers are substantially his friends. And where is this ground the great Exposition of there another, who can stand on this '89 was planned by him and on this high platform and demand an equal

CHEAPER FRUIT GROWING.

What is wanted in all fruit growing is such cheapness of production as has been achieved by the California vine growers. When we go into fruit growing as we should, not calculating to grow rich in one or two years by enormous profit, but growing fruit in large amounts, as we now grow wheat and corn, the home demand will increase beyond all present ideas of the most enthusiastic. Our population now reaches sixty millions, and it takes an immense amount of fruit to adequately supply it. When we have done this, fruit will be supplied on so large a scale and cheaply that we can easily find profitable market abroad for any surplus we may have.—Boston Cultivator.

PLANTS USED BY MAN.

T IS STATED that the number of plants used by man at the present time does not exceed 3,000. Of these about 2,500 are cultivated in America. The varieties used for food do not exceed 600. Of edible fruits and seeds 100 are classed as vegetables, 100 as roots and bulbs, 50 varieties of grain, about 20 of which produce sugar and syrup. In addition to this, perhaps 30 kinds will yield oil and six kinds wine.

The number of medicine supply plants is nearly double that of the fruit-yielding amounting to 1140, about 350 of which are employed in the various branches of industry. Of the latter 76 furnish dyestuff, 8 wax, 16 salt, and more than 60 supply food for cattle.

There are no fewer than 250 kinds of

poisonous plants cultivated, among which are only 66 of a narcotic sort, the remainder being classed as deadly poisons.

CHILDREN.

HERE is no doubt of it, children of to-day are just as lovable as those who peep out at us from Joshua Reynold's bewitching portraits; but possibly we derange them somewhat, as they grow.

Home should be made more attractive to them than any other spot on earth.

We should remember that they have a sort of exuberance which must and will find vent somewhere.

"Training" children does not, of necessity, mean a stern lack of interest in their projects, troubles, and amusements: yet it does mean something; and, while this interest in them seems to have died out in great part, the system of moral suasion has apparently gone out of fashion too.

Let children do as they please for the first ten years of their lives, so long as they fail to annoy you, and what can you expect of them afterward?

We send our girls to gymnasiums, to make them straight, because we have allowed them to grow up limp and crooked.

Our boys must take dancing lessons, to acquire graceful and easy manners, because we have allowed them to acquire other manners at home.

Children have an inalienable right to romp in the proper time and place; but no child is any happier for being sullenly allowed to turn the whole house topsyturvy.

As children are "brought up" to-day,

in many cases, it is scarcely surprising, that, as they grow older, they become more thoughtless and less kind and gentle than the youths and maidens of fifty years ago.

We should be slow to blame the young folks, however, when the burden of the fault lies with ourselves.

IS HOG CHOLERA INCURABLE?

Ever since the general knowledge of hog cholera there have been many remedies proposed. Eminent veterinary surgeons and commissioners of diseases of domestic animals have recommended treatment, and yet quite recently farmers are met with the surprising declaration that hog cholera is an incurable disease. But notwithstanding all this a Kansas farmer writes to a Western paper as follows:

"When the cholera got among my hogs I put corn on a brush heap and burned it. The hogs ate the ashes and charred corn. Then I put coal oil in milk, a few spoonfuls to each hog, and fed that to them. I have not lost a hog."

Now, if the disease can be prevented or cured as easily as that, farmers should know it, and not be discouraged by the cry, "It can't be cured."—Germantown Telegraph.

LONG LIFE.

BIRDS are, ordinarily, exceedingly long-lived. The swan, it is asserted by means of unquestionable records, has been known to exist three hundred years. A sea eagle, captured in 1715, then already several years of age,

died a hundred and four years afterwards, in 1819; and a white-headed vulture, captured in 1706, died in 1826 in one of the aviaries of Schoenbrunn Castle, near Vienna, having passed a hundred and eighteen years in captivity. Numerous ravens and paroquets have been known to live a hundred years and over. As with most birds, magpies live many years in a state of freedom, but do not reach over twenty or twenty-five in captivity. Caged canary birds live from twelve to fifteen years; but those flying at liberty, in their native land, reach a far more advanced age.

PEARS.

N SOME RESPECTS this is a singular fruit. It has been found best to have different kinds of trees next to each other.

They never do well when one kind alone occupies all the ground. They run out.

Half a dozen different kinds in the same orchard makes the fruit on all of a smoother and more vigorous character.

The trees can easily be enriched too much, so that they will give very little fruit; but make a very large growth of wood and leaves.

The blight is a disease of Pear trees, which seems to baffle the best horticulturist as to its cause and remedy.

Some believe that a free use of ashes about the tree will prove effectual; while others assert that it is caused by an insect which attacks the foliage. In this latter case some insecticide should be used.

The pear is too valuable a fruit to be

allowed to disappear from general cultivation because of this disease now quite prevalent. Every possible remedy should be tried, no matter how improbable.

Theories may be discussed; but let practical applications be made of all theories until the right one is found and the blight checked.

Mold in Cellars, or on Walls.

Close the cellar tightly—put some brimstone where no harm will result and set it on fire—the life of the mold will be destroyed and it will dry up—2 or 3 hours' fumigation is enough.

Grapes.

TROGENOUS manures cause a rapid growth, but they should never be used where the highest flavored fruit is desired. The choicest wine is made from grapes grown on poor rocky hill-sides, and when it becomes necessary to use a fertilizer the next crop is made up and sold under an assumed name, lest the brand be brought into disrepute.

Pruning and training constitute the important part of grape culture, and without them there can be no permanent success. A vine on trees, with plenty of room, will flourish with little or no pruning; and a young vine on a trellis will endure bad pruning for a time; but a poor method, or a good method poorly carried out will ultimately result in failure.

Manure should be applied in the fall after the grapes are gathered, so that it may leach into the soil during the

winter. Grape roots have a special liking for bones, and seem almost to know where to go to find them. A Delaware vine sent a root some distance to a hole in which bones had been buried, and then it branched, and nearly surrounded every bone with roots.

The proper amount of wood to leave on a grape vine for bearing depends on the age and strength of the vine, the fertility of the soil and the trellis accommodations, and can be best learned by experience. If allowed to overbear, the wood and fruit will fail to ripen and the vine will be weakened if not permanently injured. If pruned too close, a strong growth will follow, but little fruit will be produced, and unless well summerpruned, the usefulness of the vine will be injured for the following year, and the evil tends to perpetuate itself. bearing wood should be evenly distributed over the vine and about the same amount on each arm.

FRUITS FOR A FARMER'S FAMILY.

LEASE grant me a little space in your valuable paper that I may say ** a few words to your land-owning readers on the importance of their raising a full supply of lüscious fruits for home use, at least. No man or womon who is the owner of even a small lot of land can afford to neglect this matter, especially if they have growing children in the family.

If a farmer's little boy should be caught purloining from a neighbor's orchard, in order that his organization might be supplied with its urgent needs, if any punishment is meted out, it should be inflicted upon the father and not the boy. The boy's organization needed the acid and nutrient material contained in the fruit, hence his craving for it was ungovernable and consequently should have been gratified at home.

The great fault of the American farmer is too much hog and not enough fruit. During the warm season the human organism demands acidulous and cooling foods, and these can be better supplied by the use of fresh fruits than in any other way.—Ex.

For The Maryland Farmer.

FACTS TO BE REMEMBERED.

JUNE is the month for cultivation. Every weed should be a voice calling for your work now.

You cultivate not merely to destroy weeds, but to make your crop grow. If your land is free from weeds, still cultivate.

After every rain, cultivate to break the crust which has formed on the top of the ground. Your plant roots need to breathe and the crusts smother them.

If it is dry weather and your corn is suffering, cultivate it. Stirring the surface will bring elements of growth from above and from below—from the air and from the depths of the soil.

If it is wet weather, whenever the soil will permit, cultivate it. The roots need to feel the rays of the sunlight, and only

in this way can the invigorating warmth reach them.

Deep cultivation of any crop is seldom needed. Especially is this the case after the soil has been filled with the small rootlets. No plant will do as well with broken and lacerated roots as with perfect ones.

Shallow cultivation is especially necessary for the corn crop. When deep cultivation brings thirty bushels, shallow cultivation would generally bring fifty bushels to the acre.

If your potatoes have been planted properly, level cultivation is fully as good as hilling them. If planted on the trench system, level cultivation is the only method which can bring out the best results.

You cannot cultivate your corn too often while it is small, or before the ground is so completely covered as to prevent cultivation without breaking the leaves.

May has been generally cold; but insects have not been backward in their work. One part of cultivation will be to meet the requirements of the crop in the destruction of insect enemies.

After the Strawberry crop is harvested give your strawberry patch a thorough cultivation. Fertilize the land if possible; use the cultivator between the rows; straighten the runners and pull out the weeds in the rows; after a good penetrating rain mulch the ground if you can.

It is best to watch your grape vines,

Count the leaves on every new branch and if five or six leaves have formed, pinch off the end of that branch. This will help to perfect the fruit.

Now is the very best time to go through your young orchard and see where the sprouts are making headway most freely. In every case where you don't want a limb, cut or rub off that sprout. This is the best way of pruning.

Pruning is just like dehorning. Take out the horns when in the bud and the calf don't feel it. Take off the buds when a single rub of the thumb will do it and the tree will not suffer.

If you have made your garden, as it should be made, with long and uniform rows, you can use the horse cultivator in it to great advantage during the month of June. Then a little hoeing and weeding will keep it in perfect condition.

WOMEN.

Girls are trained to agriculture in Denmark, the owners of farms receiving them as pupils.

The late Mrs. Wm. B. Astor bequeathed \$25,000 for Dakota Indian schools, to be spent under the direction of Bishop Hare, of the South Dakota diocese.

Three times a week Jean Ingelow was accustomed to give a dinner to the sick poor and the discharged convalescents from hospitals who either were unable to work or had not yet found employment.

Miss Emily Hanaway, principal of a New York primary school, has been the means of establishing a children's library in that city. The library is free, and books are loaned to all children who ask for tickets entitling them to the privilege. Miss Hanaway had a hard struggle at first, but an association was finally formed, with the Hon. John Bigelow as president, F. A. P. Barnard and the Rev. Robert Collyer, vice-presidents.

Miss Linda Gilbert, the philanthropist in fifteen years established twenty-two libraries in prisons in different States, procured employment for 6,000 ex-convicts, 400 of which number she established in business in a small way.

Mrs. Christina F. Haley, of New York, made a comfortable fortune in a business rather unusal for a woman—the examination of inventions and patent claims. She is described as very quiet and retiring, and was chairman of one of the committees of Sorosis.

Prof. Maria Mitchell, of Vassar, when 70 years of age, was still professor of astronomy in that college, her resignation having been declined. Miss Mitchell's father, who was cashier in a New England bank, being pleased with his daughter's astronomical tastes, bought her a telescope and fitted up an observatory for her at an age when most girls are still wearing pinafores. In 1847 she discovered a comet, for which the King of Denmark gave her a gold medal. Honors were showered upon her, for three colleges made her an LL.D.

OUTLOOK.

A farmer was hoeing industriously on his patch of land, when a town loafer approached the fence.

- "Hello, Farmer B—! What do you think of the outlook?"
 - "What outlook?"
 - "Why, the business outlook."
 - "Didn't know there was one."
- "We were all talking about it down to the store, and they sent me up to see what you would say."
- "Oh yes, I see. Well, you tell 'em if they will stop talkin,' and go to hoein,' that the country will prosper without any outlook. D'ye hear?"

FIXING NAILS.

The common cut nails, heated red hot and dropped into kerosene oil and allowed to stand until cold, become about equal to wrought iron nails.

For The Maryland Farmer.

SELECT ITEMS.

Farmers as a general thing would prefer to sell to consumers at the price they get from the commission houses. They only ask a fair paying price for their produce, and if consumers could purchase more cheaply they would use more freely.

Poultry pays at least as well as any Stock on the farm, even when mismanaged as it generally is. If cared for understandingly by farmers it could be made a source of large income. An acre of chickens would produce as much hard cash as any acre on the farm.

It is better to devote some time to planning the day's work than to start out helter skelter in the morning, doing whatever first attracts attention; but the time for this thinking is not after going to bed the night before. Such a practice destroys sleep and makes one less fit to work when daylight comes.

Daniel Webster said: "If those men must smoke, let them take to the horse shed."

It is better and cheaper to mend the flues in midwinter than to build a new house in the spring, though the insurance company contributes to the new building.

Some people think it would be nice if everybody in the world would mind their own business. But it would not. Over half the people in the world would be out of employment and not know what to do with themselves.

Nothing—not even wild mustard—will bear so sure a crop and so much of it as cross words. If you want the home work to go hard all day begin with unkind words.

The man who keeps a snarling cur that goes out in the highway to annoy passers gives evidence of brutish instincts, and deserves penalties which the law provides for the most offensive trespass upon personal rights.

In a two years' experiment at the Ohio Station it was found that seedless asparagus plants averaged 50 per cent more yield of shoots than the seed-bearing; moreover, the shoots were larger and earlier. Male plants may be multiplied

by dividing the old ones, or, better, by choosing from two-year-old seedlings such as do not bear berries. This verifies the impression for some time prevalent among gardeners that there is more profit in seedless than in fertile asparagus plants; the former also do away with the trouble from little seedlings that sprout so industriously in old-fashioned beds every year.

For The Maryland Farmer.

PEACHES.

All reports from the peach orchards on the Eastern Shore concur in the fact that an enormous crop may be expected this year. The cold weather late in the season may thin them in some orchards, and a very few large orchards in Delaware have reported their crop destroyed; but the general report is that from seven to ten millions of baskets may be expected from the peninsula this year. The railroads are even now making their preparations to move ten millions of baskets, which is a greater amount than ever before; but this season a very larger number of new orchards come into bearing for the first time.

THE PEOPLE'S PARTY.

On the 20th of May was finally formed the third large politically organized party with the name "The People's Party of the United States." We merely place the fact on record

here. The principles of this party are already pretty generally known. They are substantially the platforms of the Farmer's Alliance organization: No National Bank Currency. Free Coinage of Silver. Government loans on real estate and nonperishable produce. Government control of Rail-roads. Graduated income tax. Limited and economical government expenses. Election of President, Vice-President and Senators by the people. Prohibition of alien ownership of land. No class legislation.

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CONTENTMENT.

BY BERTHA PACKARD ENGLET.

HEY SAY that I am wearing my life away Out here in the country so far from town,

That genteel ways will never be mine, Nor fashion's approval, nor wide renown, So long as I work and my hands are brown, And with homely work fill the book of "Time."

But they do not know how happy I am, In filling the place of mother and wife, That the waving grain and the birds' sweet call And the prattle of children is part of life, And better, far better than fashion's strife, Yes, better than riches and farm and all.

-Good Housekeeping

RESPONSE.

But why should you care for their idle words When the whole bright world is speaking to you? When each flower that blooms and each bird that sings Add the richest life of the loving and true? When the perfect radiance of heaven's blue The great gift of bliss and contentment brings?

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JENNY'S PRESENT.

BY FLORENCE B. HALLOWELL.

U barn one June afternoon with a basket of eggs in one hand and a little Mrs. Rule, who was at the kitchen table, maltese kitten in the other.

Speckle-back's nest. She's sitting in an time."

ENNY came running in from the old barrel at one end of the cow shed." "Grace is in the sitting-room," said kneading biscuit. "Alma Joyce is call-"Oh, Grace," she cried, as she reached ing on her. You had better go in at the door of the kitchen, "I've found old once, Jenny; she has been here some

Jenny put down her basket of eggs, dropped the kitten behind the stove, and went slowly into the sitting-room. Alma Joyce was the oldest pupil in Mrs. West's Sabbath-school class, and lived in the town a mile and a half away. It was she who had proposed that the girls should each give Mrs. West a present on her birthday. Jenny felt sure that she had called to-day to talk about these gifts, and she dreaded to meet her; for Jenny had nothing to give.

"I had about given up all hope of seeing you to-day, Jenny," Alma said, as Jenny entered the sitting-room. been here more than an hour."

"I was out in the barnvard," rejoined Jenny. 'It's my place to look up the nests of the setting hens and keep the egg basket full."

"You look as if you'd been out in the barn," said Grace. "Your hair is full of hayseed, Jenny; you ought to have looked in the glass before you came in."

"I did'nt think to," said Jenny, "but never mind, I guess Alma will excuse it."

"Oh, dear me! yes, indeed," cried Alma. "I did'nt come to criticise the appearance of any one. I came to see what you and Grace are going to give Mrs. West. I have painted a lovely banner. It is a little cupid on a mossy bank. I did it on bolting cloth, and I am going to hang it on a strip of pink satin. I know she can't help liking it, for it will be perfectly lovely. Drew has made a salin pin-cushion covered with lace, and Helen Shaw is going to give her a hand embroidered handkerchief. Grace tells me she has crocheted half a dozen yards of lace. Now, what are you going to give, Jenny?"

"I have nothing at all," answered Jenny hesitatingly. "I have done my best to think of something, but it was of no use. I can iron and bake, and clean up a room, sweep, dust, and make beds, but I never learned to crochet, and never made a piece of fancy work in my life."

"It is too bad!" said Alma as she rose to go. "I really think, Jenny, that you might have made something if you had tried hard."

"It would'nt have been worth giving," rejoined Jenny. "I am the worst hand at sewing or fancy work you ever saw."

"Well, I suppose it is no use to talk about the matter any more, then," said Alma. "But it is a great disappointment to me, since it was I who started the idea of giving her a pleasant birthday. You'll be sure to go over and explain to her why only five presents could be sent, Jenny?"

"Yes, I'll explain."

Jenny's face wore a very sober expression when she went back into the kitchen after walking with Alma as far as the gate, where she left her to have a parting chat with Grace. It did seem hard that she should'nt have some little thing to send to Mrs. West. But it had been agreed that the presents should each be the work of the donor, and that had settled matters for poor Jenny from the first.

The tears came to her eyes on Monday when she watched her sister pack into a little box and wrap in tissue paper a pretty "clover leaf" edging she had made.

"I "Twelve yards!" said Grace. know Mrs. West will find my present the most useful of all. I hope she won't put any of this nice edging on clothes for the children. I must tell her I want her to use it for herself. It is too bad you should be the only one left out of this, Jenny."

"Left out of what?" asked Mr. Rule, coming into the sitting-room in time to hear the last words of his elder daughter. Grace explained, while the tears rolled over Jenny's eyes and trickled slowly down her cheeks.

"I am going over to Mrs. West's tomorrow to explain and apologize, father," she said, chokingly.

"So you shall," said her father, putting one arm about her, and kissing her tear stained cheek. "And I will take you, daughter, if you will get ready early enough. I am obliged to go to Rodney's Mills to-morrow, and I will drive you as far as Mrs. West's and leave you there, or -stop, why can't you go all the way with me and spend the day with Alice Harper? You haven't seen her for a long time I know."

"Oh, father! how kind of you to think of it!" cried Jenny, smiles chasing away her tears. "If there is anything in the world I do enjoy, it is going to see Alice! Oh, I am so glad!"

"We'll stop long enough at Mrs. West's for you to run in and make your little apology, of course," said Mr. Rule. "So don't cry any more, but think what a nice day you'll have to-morrow."

Jenny could hardly sleep that night, so excited was she over that prospect of to-morrow.

It was only seven o'clock when Mr. Rule's light wagon stopped at Mrs. West's house, which was in half a mile of the town of Bosely. It was a large, six class girls love me, Jenny."

old-fashioned frame house, with a lawn in front, and a large apple orchard at Mr. West kept a store in the one side. town, but was not very successful in It was sometimes hard to business. make both ends meet, and Mrs. West was obliged to economize very closely.

"Now, Jenny," said Mr. Rule, as he helped his daughter from the wagon, "I give you fifteen minutes in which to make that apology. Be sure you don't overstay your time."

"I won't be gone more than five minutes at the very most," rejoind Jenny, as she hurried up the path which led to the front door.

She didn't stop to knock at the front door, however. She knew Mrs. West kept no servant, and was generally in the kitchen, so she ran around to the porch.

Mrs. West, looking very tired and flushed, was clearing off the breakfast table. She gave an exclamation of surprise at seeing Jenny.

"I know you think I must be very lazy to be so late in cleaning up my kitchen, Jenny," she said, "but it seems very hard for me to do anything this morning, I have such a bad headache, And when I look at that big basket of clothes waiting to be ironed, I wonder what I will feel like by the time night comes."

"I am so sorry you are not feeling well," said Jenny. "And this is your birthday, too! You ought not to work on your birthday, Mrs. West."

Mrs. West smiled.

"All days are much alike to me," she said. "If I stop everything else stops. But it cheers me to think how dearly my "Oh, Mrs. West, you must have thought it so strange I didn't send you anything," cried Jenny; and then she stammered out her explanation.

"Your love is all I want, Jenny," she said. "Never mind the present. Aren't you going to stay a little while, my dear? I am always glad to have you here."

Jenny explained that her father was waiting for her at the gate, and that she was going to spend the day at Alice Harper's.

"Give my love to Mrs. Harper," said Mrs. West. "She and I used to be the best of friends, and she has urged me again and again to come to see her; but I have never had the time," and she sighed.

"If you could only go with us to-day," said Jenny.

"How I wish I could. But think of the children to attend to, the dishes to wash, the beds to make, the dinner to prepare, the ironing to do! You see I must not think of going."

Just for one monent Jenny struggled with a selfish spirit that was hard to put down: then she turned her radiant face to Mrs. West.

"You must think of it," she cried. "Mrs. West, I will stay here and attend to the house for you, and you shall go to Mrs. Harper's. You know I can do housework if I can't embroider and crochet. Run upstairs quick and put on another dress, while I go out and tell father."

"But, Jenny-"

"Oh, please, please, Mrs. West. I do want you to go really, really. You needn't be the least anxious about any-

thing here. I can give Mr. West his dinner as well as you can."

Mrs. West tried to argue the matter, but Jenny wouldn't let her; and as the temptation to spend a day with her old friend was great, she allowed herself to be persuaded at last and ten minutes later she was in the wagon with Mr. Rule, driving away down the quiet country road, while Jenny stood at the gate with an arm around little Margaret waving her handkerchief in farewell.

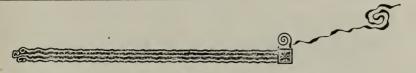
That was a busy day with Jenny. She had never worked so hard in all her life before. She washed the dishes and cleaned up the kitchen, made the beds, swept and dusted, churned, and prepared the dinner. And after Mr. West had gone back to the store again she went bravely at the ironing, nearly emptying the big basket by the time she was obliged to stop and prepare supper.

She ached in every muscle by the time supper was over, the dishes washed and put away, and little Margaret put to bed. But she was telling Bennie and Fannie stories and folding down the clothes she had ironed when at last Mrs. West came in.

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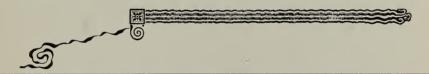
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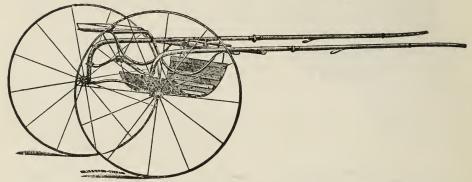
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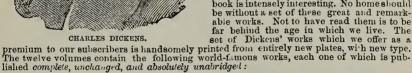
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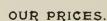


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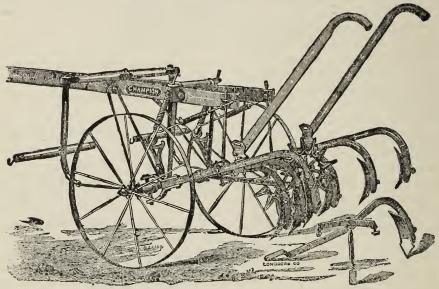
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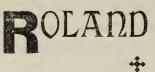
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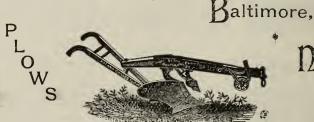
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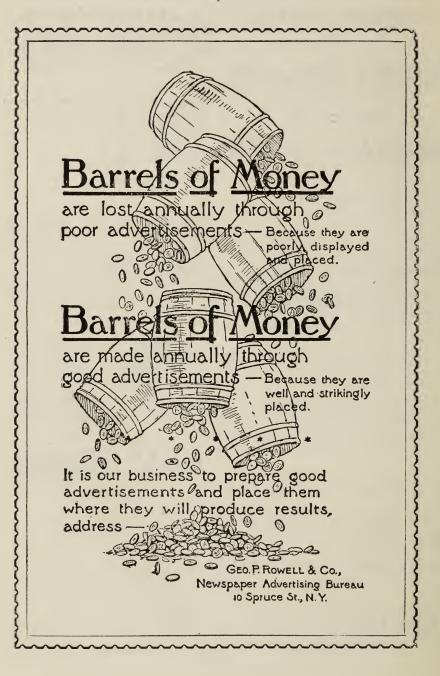


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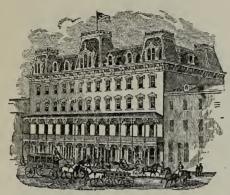
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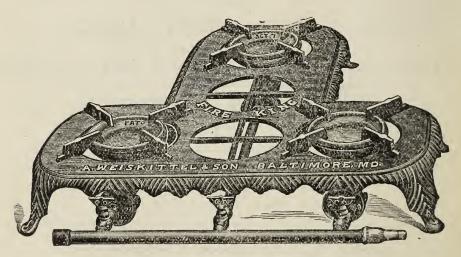
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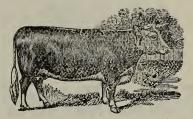
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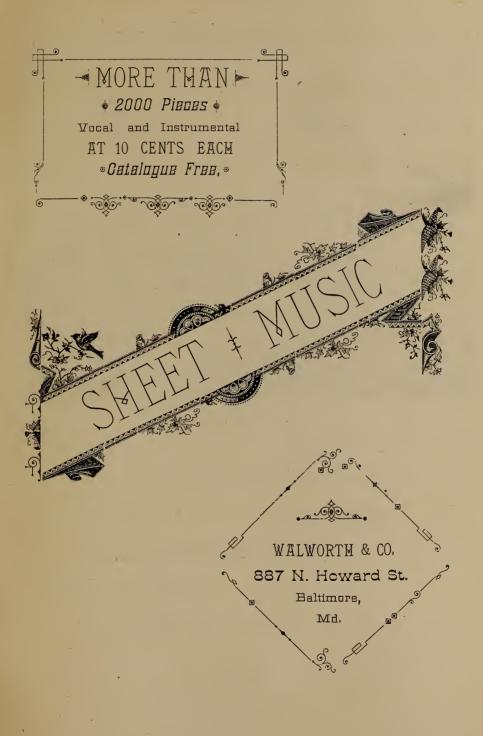
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